Border Posts in Jammu and Kashmir

1610. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jammu & Kashmir Government had requested his Ministry to set up border posts to check the entry of Pakistan trained extremists through that border;

(b) if so, what steps his Ministry have taken in this direction; and

(c) how many intruders and terrorists have been arrested on the said border during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The entire Jammu & Kashmir border is under the operational control of the Army and BSF battalions are assisting them in border guarding duties. Government have taken necessary step to strengthen BSF establish more border outposts, construct additional observation posts towers for watching movement of intruders and equip BSF with sophisticated equipment and vehicles for intensive patrolling.

(c) Information about the number of infiltrators arrested during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 on Jammu & Kashmir border is furnished in the attached Statement.

Statement

Number of infiltrators apprehended on Jammu and Kashmir border with Pakistan during the years 1986-1987 and 1988.

Year	Apprehended at the border	Pushed back	Handed over to State Police for taking necessary action.
1986	98	3	95
1987	67	3	64
1988	119	48	71

NOTE: It is not possible to say how many persons out of those apprehended were suspected terrorists.

Export of Pepper

1611. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is considered a major exporter of pepper in the world pepper market;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity of pepper exported during the last three years and the amount earned therefrom; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to step up export of pepper?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Estimated Exports

(Rs. Lakhs)

Year	Qty. M.T.	Value
1985-86. . .	37620	17248
1986-87. . .	38083	20033
1987-88. . .	41011	24058

(c) In addition to CCS and Import replenishment licences, measures for promotion of export of pepper include participation in the international fairs/exhibitions deputation of sales-cum-study delegations abroad, and improvement of quality by organising seminars/workshops, training of inspection officials, developing of logo and setting of Quality Control Laboratory to ensure that the logo scheme is a success.

Investigation by the Enforcement Directorate against the Indian Express group of papers

1612. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2460 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Enforcement Directorate has initiated investigation in respect of the reported arrangement of Swiss bank guarantee by Indian Express group of papers in favour of Linotype of London; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the results of such investigation and whether the Chairman of Indian Express has been prosecuted/penalised for FERA violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The investigations are in progress.

Public borrowings by the Central and State Governments

1613. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of public loans raised by the Central and the State Governments separately for each year from 1970 to 1988;

(b) what are the criteria followed in judging the desirability of raising a public loan by the Central Government;

(c) what are the criteria in case of a State Government loan; and

(d) to what extent the opinion or advice of the Reserve Bank is binding on the Central Government in these matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF [illegible]TURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) A statement is laid on the table of the House. (*See* below).

(b) to (d) The market borrowings are governed by the availability of investible resources for these borrowings and also the pattern of funding of plan outlays as envisaged in the Annual Plans. Advice of Reserve Bank of India is duly taken into account in fixing the total borrowing programmes.